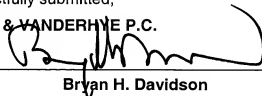


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28. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 27 further comprising pressurizing the liquid from the in-line drainer in a pressurizing device, and passing liquid from the [pressurized liquid] pressurizing device to the digester.

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